

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of:

- composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;
- compiling (301, 301', 302, 601, 602) a list of intended recipients;
- transmitting through the computer or cellular network a preliminary order for crediting accounts associated with the intended recipients;
- releasing (304, 304', 603) said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service ~~it~~ becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; ~~characterized in that it comprises additionally the step of~~
~~deciding, before releasing said piece of information or service so that it becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list, what form of transmission will be exploited to make said piece of information or service accessible to each recipient appearing on said list and~~
- as a response to an indication (305, 401, 606) of a certain recipient having accessed (605) said piece of information or service, crediting (306, 608) an account associated with said certain recipient.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A-The method according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized in that~~wherein the step of crediting (306,608) an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of:

- identifying an account representing the rights of said certain recipient to use certain services through said network; and
- crediting said identified account.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A-The method according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized in that~~wherein the step of crediting (306, 608) an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of:

-identifying an account the identifier of which has been intentionally provided by said certain recipient; and

-crediting said identified account.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A-The~~ method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the step of releasing (304, 304', 603)-said piece of information or service comprises the substep of indicating to at least part of the recipients appearing on said list that accessing said piece of information or service will cause a certain account associated with said certain recipient to be credited.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A-The~~ method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substep of transmitting (304, 304')-said piece of information or service to a number of subscriber terminals in the computer or cellular network.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A-The~~ method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substeps of:

-storing (603)-said piece of information or service to a place which is accessible for subscriber terminals through the computer or cellular network; and

-transmitting to a number of subscriber terminals an indication (604) of said piece of information or service being available at said place.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of: according to claim 1, characterized in that composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;

compiling a list of intended recipients;

releasing said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; and

as a response to an indication of a certain recipient having accessed said piece of information or service, crediting an account associated with said certain recipient,

wherein the step of crediting an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of:

defining the time it has taken for said indication to be received; and

crediting said account by an amount which is inversely proportional to said time.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An arrangement for distributing information or services through a network (201), comprising:

-a source of information or services (202, 701, 705);

-a number of subscriber terminals (203, 801);

-means (204, 1001, 1003) for maintaining accounts associated with certain subscribers;

means for transmitting to the means for maintaining accounts a preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers;

characterized in that at least some of the subscriber terminals are different from each other and requires different form of transmission, and the arrangement comprises

means for distributing information or services to certain subscribers through different kinds of subscriber terminals;

-means (806) for providing an indication of a certain recipient having accessed a piece of information or service; and

-means (708, 1004) for responding to said indication by crediting an account associated with said certain recipient.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An The arrangement according to claim 8, characterized in that it comprises further comprising:

-a service provider's terminal (202, 701);

-a database server (205, 901); and

-an account server (204, 1001);

wherein said service provider's terminal (202, 701) is arranged to operate as said source ~~or of~~ information or services, said account server (204, 1001) is arranged to operate as said means for maintaining accounts associated with certain subscribers and for receiving the preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers, and said database server (205, 901) is arranged to maintain data identifying certain subscribers and associating the identified subscribers with certain contact information through which information or services is deliverable to the identified subscribers.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The arrangement according to claim 9, characterized in that it additionally comprises further comprising a service or information server (501, 1101) which is arranged to store pieces of information or services in a form accessible to subscriber terminals.

Claim 11 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the preliminary order for crediting accounts associated with the intended recipients includes said piece of information or service.

Claim 12 (New): The arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers includes said piece of information or service.

Claim 13 (New): A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of:

composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;

compiling a list of intended recipients;

releasing said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; and

as a response to an indication of a certain recipient having accessed said piece of information or service, crediting an account associated with said certain recipient, wherein the step of crediting an account comprises the substeps of:

ranking the order in which said certain recipient provides the reception indication relative to other of said intended recipients; and

crediting said account associated with said certain recipient based on the order ranking.